

A Time to Honor . . .

IN 1868 GEN John A. Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed May 30 as Memorial Day.

Decoration Day, as it was originally known, was designated as a day to remember those who died during the Civil War.

The South, until World War I, refused to acknowledge May 30 and honored the Confederate dead on separate days throughout the year. Since then, millions of people have taken time each Memorial Day to honor and remember those who have served their country throughout history.

The staff of **Soldiers** would like to join Americans around the world in remembering all those who have fought and died in the service of their country.



Revolutionary War

1775-1783

Total who served:
From 184,000 to 250,000
Total deaths: 4,435



Mexican War

1846-1848

Total who served: 78,718
Total deaths: 13,283



Spanish-American War

1898

Total who served: 306,760
Total deaths: 2,446



War of 1812

1812-1815

Total who served: 286,730
Total deaths: 2,260



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Civil War

1861-1865

Total Union forces: 2,100,000
Total Union deaths: 625,000
Estimated Confederate deaths: 640,000
Estimated total deaths: 1,265,000

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Memory of Those Who Served



World War I 1917-1918

Total who served: 4,734,991
Total deaths (including those killed during Russian Revolution from August 1919 through April 1920): 11,516.



Korean War 1950-1953

Total who served: 5,720,000
Total deaths: 36,568
(though final casualty records are still being compiled)

Vietnam War

1964-1973
Total who served: 8,744,000
Total deaths: 58,203
(though final casualty records are still being compiled)



World War II 1941-1946

Total who served: 16,112,566
Total deaths: 405,399



Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm

1990-1991
Total who served:
From 467,939 to 665,476
Total deaths: 382

As of press time, the Department of Defense had not released final official casualty figures for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

War

865
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to 1,500,000
ated Confederate
deaths:
821 to 164,820

Military members have served proudly throughout the world in operations other than the major conflicts listed here. Approximately 362 service members have died in operations around the world. These include the Iranian hostage rescue mission, Lebanon peacekeeping, Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada, Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operation Restore Hope in Somalia and Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

Source: U.S. Army Center of Military History

Time to Remember